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PINCUS ELECTED EDITOR

By CORA GOLDBAUM

The staff of Argus recently elected Sheila Pincus, former feature editor, to the position of editor-in-chief. "I am extremely excited and very grateful to be given the opportunity to serve as editor-in-chief," stated Sheila. "I hope that I can fulfill all expectations to the best of my ability."

Sheila, who is a senior, has been on the Argus for two years and she therefore knows a great deal about the workings of a newspaper. Her opponents in this election were Edna Kroll, who is currently news editor and Don Goldman, who is sports editor.

The election took place this October instead of last June because only experienced staff editors can run for this position and no one was qualified at that time.

Mark Levine, who recently joined the news staff on the Argus, has now been promoted to the position of associate news editor. Clare Hollander and Beverly Casper, who were previously on the news staff have switched to the feature staff. ..

Road Ahead, which is published by the social studies department, has appointed Paul Fenichel as editor-in-chief. The theme of this term's issue will be "Current Politics in the Nation". Road Ahead will be available to all Midwood students at a nominal charge. Midwood's annual essay contest for Road Ahead will again take place. The essays may be written on any subject the student chooses. The best essays will appear in the magazine. All entries must be submitted to Mr. Alter who

Sheila Pincus.

is the faculty advisor for Road Ahead.

Nina Kaufman is now the literary editor of Epilog, Midwood's yearbook. Last May, the present senior class elected David Fleiss as editor-in-chief. Seniors and other interested students may obtain copies of Epilog in June.

Macon JHS Hosts MHS Mixed Chorus

By NORA RUNSDORF

Midwood High School's Mixed Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. B. Tillis, entertained the eighth year students at Macon Junior High School, on Wednesday, October 11th.

The Chorus, consisting of only veteran members, presented a program entitled "Introducing the Midwood Choral Society". The first portion of the program consisted of an explanation of what each section of the chorus does, illustrated by a song from each section. The second portion of the program consisted of four songs: **Ride the Chariot** by William Henry Smith, which featured solos by Roger Goldenthal and Sandra Bartel; **Echo Song** by DiLassus, **Adoramus Te** by Palestrina; and **The Battle Hymn of the Republic** by Julia Ward Howe. The latter featured the combined talents of the Mixed Chorus and the Macon Junior High School chorus. Mike Golding accompanied the chorus at the piano.

Macon Junior High School is noted for having the best junior high school chorus in the city and "sounded very good when they blended their voices with our own" stated George Demas, president of Mixed Chorus.

The "Friends of Macon" and the coordinator of music in the Junior High Schools, Mr. Motley, were special guests at the assembly.

Following the program, refreshments, made by the Macon Home Economics Department, were served to the chorus and guests.

BULLETIN

The secretarial studies department plans to offer a civil service course next term. The course is designed to prepare students for the civil service tests in the following categories: clerk, policeman, fireman, sanitation worker, park attendant, etc.

The new course will be open to all students, but seniors are preferred. The course will last one term and will be considered a major.

S.S. FORUM HEARS ISSUES

By RUTH ALGER

The main program of the Social Studies Forum, this semester, is a series of discussions concerning our government in New York City.

The first meeting included a discussion of the proposed city charter. Mrs. Gould, representing the League of Women Voters, spoke in favor of the changes although the revisions will not be complete.

Mr. Babcock of the Congress of Industries Association, did not support the proposed revision. He favors a charter study.

On October 13, State Assemblyman Brownstein outlined the organization of the regular Democratic party in New York. He feels that his party will have a good future in New York City as long as political rights are kept out in the open. Mr. Eugene Victor, reform candidate for borough president in the primary election, then discussed the failings of the regular Democratic Party organization. As a member of the Democratic Reform movement, he feels that party leaders are more concerned with power than principle and programs. He also advocates a written Democratic platform for the state and city of New York.

State Senator Jeremiah Bloom addressed the latest meeting of the forum. He supports Robert Wagner in the forthcoming election and outlined the improvements of the Wagner Administration during the past eight years. Mr. Battista, candidate for mayor on the United Tax Payers' Party ticket, also

Mr. Vito Battista.

spoke. Mr. Battista is concerned with the uplifting of our public schools. He wishes to raise teachers' salaries, improve curriculum, and revise teaching methods. He stated, "Membership on the Board of Education should be a full-time job."

Arista, Archon Name 111; Induction Coming Soon

Arista and Archon, Midwood's honor societies, will install their new members on November 15 during the A Morning Assembly program.

Jonathan Goldman, the boy leader of Arista will be chairman of the program. The speaker will be Peter Albert, Mayor of the City of Midwood. Nanci Anton, girl leader of Archon is to give the induction pledge to the new Archon members, and Wendy Weyne, girl leader of Arista, will do likewise for the new members of that society. Gerald Sosler, boy leader of Archon, will read a selection from the Bible.

The program will include the traditional candle lighting ceremony. One candle will be lit to represent character, one for service, and one for scholarship. As this paper went to press, the Arista Senate and the Archon Society, under the leadership of Mr. Spieler and Mr. Blatt respectively, had not yet voted as to who will light the candles. Following the induction ceremony the new members will receive their pins and certificates.

Those students who will be inducted into Arista are:

Peter Albert, Nanci Anton, Barbara Beckerman, Steven Bernhardt, Richard Bloom, Hannalyn Boxer, Ina Brown, Richard Bush, Lowell Cohn, Evelyn Eisen, Elliot Eisenberg, Judith Felder, Cary Ganz, Myrna Garter, Lester Goldberg, Beatrice Seinberg, Daniel Gover, David Green, Joshua Halpern, Eva Herzberger, Alan Jacobson, Sheila Jampel.

Barbara Kaye, Louise Kolligian, Sylvia Lerman, Mark Levine, Judith Licht, Alice Mayo, Ronnie Miller, Joel Moskowitz, Arthur Newberg, Charles Nordell, Sheila Pincus, Judith Polinsky, Kenneth Pollack, Bruce Prenner, Sheila Press, Elizabeth Rapoport, Linda Rein, Karen Rosenfeld, Linda Sherby.

Joan Rubinson, Lee Schacter, Thomas Schott, Lee Schwartz, John Sharefkin, Linda Silberstein, Judith Slatoff, Dorothea Smith, Lois Snitkoff, Felicia Sobel, Stephen Stricker, Rosalyn Lehman, William Tepper, Robert Titone, Eileen Weintraub, Beverly Widman, Rise Young, Alan Zabell and Sherry Zhiss.

The new members of Archon are: Phyllis Andron, Sherrie Bronstein, Patricia Cohen, Arlene Crozier, Fern Feifer, Lewis Friedland, Stephen Friedman, Cary Ganz, Myrna Garter.

Roberta Geller, Charles Glass, Donald Goldman, Judy Gottfried, Michael Sachar, Alice Grob, Robert Harris, David Hauer, Jeff Jacques, Ralph Janis, Ruth Klieger, Edna Kroll.

Judith Licht, Marjorie Lorde, Kenneth Marshall, Artie Newberg, Alan Novich, Jane Pfeffer, Bruce Prenner, Ronald Rapaport, Elizabeth Rapoport, Rochelle Ratchick, Alan Rosenstein, Dale Shendelman, Faye Siegelberg, Kenneth Spalter, Peter Sterling, Arlene Weisberg, Rise Young, Alan Zabell and Barbara Zasloff.

There were some students who didn't fulfill Arista requirements, but nevertheless made the National Honor Society. (All Arista members are also in the National Honor Society.) These students are:

Nancy Auster, Daria Cherubini, Frank Ettenberg, Marian Fernebok, Judith Howard, Irwin Klau, Rosalyn Lehman, Rhea Levine, Marc Linder, Kathy Pomerance, Sandra Pratter, Judith Rosenberg, James Secundy, Beatrice Seinberg, Ann Urso and Jay Weiner.

Midwood Plans Parents' Night

This year, the week of November 5th has been designated as Education Week. As in previous years, parents are invited to Midwood to discuss their children's work with the teachers involved.

Monday, November 13th, will be Open School Night at Midwood. Parents may see teachers between 7:00 and 9:30 P.M. Open School Day is scheduled for Monday, November 20th at 12:00.

National Education Week has been established so that parents can meet their children's teachers and get a better idea of how the child is progressing. Some teachers have sent out special requests to see parents about a particular problem that the student may have.

Parents are also asked to take notice of the many exhibits on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th floors.

City Roundup . . . . ALUMNUS INSTALLS NEW MAYOR

Steve Solarz, Mayor of the City of Midwood in the fall term of 1958, returned to his alma mater October 4th to install the new mayor, Peter Albert. The installation took place in the auditorium.

Mr. J. P. Grebanier, faculty advisor of B-71, introduced Steve as the current President of the Junior class at Brandeis University. Then he proceeded to tell the audience, what a good mayor Steve had been.

Many in the audience, thought Steve proved to be just as interesting as Mr. Grebanier had depicted him to be. After the former mayor related many of the experiences he had had while campaigning for office, he installed Peter Albert as mayor for this term.

In an effort to satisfy the Fire Department's recent inspection, Mr. William Kerr, Custodial Engineer of Midwood High School, has negotiated the installation of a variety of fire fighting equipment.

Carbon dioxide extinguishers, soda-acid extinguishers, and sprinkler heads are part of the new equipment. The total cost was approximately thirteen hundred dollars: two hundred for materials, eleven hundred for labor.

Nine sprinkler heads were distributed in B11, B75, the chemistry storeroom B75, the Bookstore, and B47. The heads, placed at the end of half-inch pipes are sealed with small metal plugs. In the event of fire, these plugs melt and water gushes forth. A small metal cone just beneath the opening of the pipe disperses the stream to all parts of the room.

Of the sixteen new fire extinguishers, twelve are in the corridors, and three in the chemistry and biology laboratories.

The Midwood Parent Teachers' Association held a meeting on Tuesday, October 10, at which Mr. Sayer, chairman of the social studies department, was the speaker.

The topic of Mr. Sayer's speech was "How to Handle Controversial Issues in the Classroom." There was a discussion on how to determine what books should be read and what television programs should be seen by students. Mr. Sayer also discussed the problems involved in informing students of public spending.

According to Mr. Sayer, we must rely upon the competence of our teachers and trust in their abilities when these subjects are discussed.

The following business concerns have contributed to the Alumni Scholarship Fund:

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In conjunction with its "Expedition New York" program, WABC-TV is sponsoring an essay contest, open to all high school and junior high school students.

Each student may submit one five hundred word essay for each "Expedition" program. The deadline for filing essays is midnight of the Monday following the program. Essays need not be based entirely on the program. There will be a new contest every three weeks. The winner of each contest will receive a $200 Saving Bond. The school will receive a certificate.

Essays should be sent to:

"Expedition New York"
WABC-TV Channel 7
7 West 66th Street
New York 33, New York

Each entry should include the author's name, address, telephone number, age, grade, school and address, and the name of his English or social studies teacher. Expedition appears on channel 7 at seven P.M. Monday nights.

This year, the City of Midwood will continue the showing of movies, as instituted last year. The first movie to be shown this year will be "The Solid Gold Cadillac", starring Judy Holliday and Paul Douglas. The movie will be shown December 8th in the auditorium. Admission will be thirty-five cents. If attendance is good, other movies will follow.

Following the plan endorsed by President Eisenhower, the new chief executive has recommended a program of physical fitness to every American. President Kennedy feels that healthy bodies will enable Americans to better meet personal and world problems in this day of crisis.

The Board of Education has put this program into effect in all public schools. Students are now learning to use stiff and previously idle muscles. Some of the exercises include situps, squat thrusts and pushups. The students are expected to do four squat thrusts in ten seconds.

This year Midwood girls will also enjoy the neglected sport of handball. Many members of Doxa, the girls' athletic society, signed up to play in the forthcoming tournaments. Within a few weeks, the schedule will be announced.

The National Merit Association has sent letters of commendation to twenty Midwood students. Letters go to those students who scored between 133 and 143 on the examination given last spring.

Midkids receiving letters of commendation are: Steven H. Bernhardt, Norman H. Chenven, Harold W. Dershowitz, Harry V. Eisenberg, Robert A. Epstein, Ralph Janis, Nina Kaufman, Ronald Kleinman, Sylvia M. Lerman, Mark L. Levine, Esther Leysovelt, Susan I. Morris, Charles Nordell, Judith K. Rosenberg, John B. Sharefkin, Gerald Sosler, Peter L. Sterling, Andrew M. Strowe, Wendy J. Weyne and Alan Zabell.

This term the school has installed a new switchboard in Room 135, to replace the older model, which had been in Midwood since the school was built.

The new switchboard is compact and streamlined. It is, in the opinion of the office staff, "quite an improvement over the large, black wooden model."

The City of Midwood will sponsor a Thanksgiving festival and dance, to take place on November 17th in the girls' gym at 8:00 P.M. The dance will be called "The Turkey Trot", and admission will be seventy-five cents.

The Turkey Trot is the first of a series of dances planned by the City of Midwood. Last year, it voted to discontinue school dances because of poor attendance. The City of Midwood reversed its decision this term with the hope that student participation will increase.

The Brooklyn Tuberculosis and Health Association, in conjunction with the National Tuberculosis Association and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, is sponsoring the twenty-fifth annual School Press Project. The object of the project is to alert students "to their responsibility for their own and their neighbors' health, to encourage responsible citizenship, and to raise the standards of school journalism."

To enter the contest, a school publication containing stories, editorials or cartoons must be submitted. One or more of these three topics must be presented in the publication: Our School Helps Our Community Fight T.B.; Health Work, Health Science and Our Futures; and Our Health and the Air We Breathe.

Any student-staffed publication may enter the contest. A certificate of honor is awarded to the winners.

The method of Voting for this term's major city officers will be similar to that used last year. The new election system, introduced by Harvey Yaverbaum, requires each student to register in his home room by writing his name and date of birth on the class sheet. When election day arrives, the student goes to the cafeteria where he counter signs the class sheet, receives his ballot and votes.

The new system not only prevents ballot-stuffing, but also provides the student with a greater feeling of belonging to a democratic school government.

Bonnie Johnson, the Election Commissioner, and Karen Fishman, her Deputy, will supervise the voting with the aid of their commission members.

Statistics have proved that the new method is more effective than the previous system and this is the reason for its continuation this year.

Midterm Schedule

Wednesday, November 29		Thursday, November 30		Friday, December 1, 1961	
I 8:15-9:30	English 7, 5	I 8:15-9:30	English 8, 4, 3	I 8:15-9:45	Accounting 4, 3, 2, 1 Mathematics 5, 5R, 5S, E, F Mathematics 2, 1 (1 hr)
II 9:50-11:20	Social Studies 4, 1	II 9:50-11:20	Social Studies 5, 3	II 10:05 11:35	Bus. Arith. 2, 1 French 6 French 5 (1½ hrs) Merchandising 4 Merchandising 2 (1 hr) Spanish 6, 5
III 11:40-1:10	Biology 5, 4, 3 General Science 2 (1 hr) Lab. Techniques B, H Law 1 Modern Science 1 (1 hr) Merchandising 1	III 11:40-1:10	Math 7, 4, 3 Math C (2 hrs) Merchandising 3 (1 hr)	III 11:55-12:55/ 1:10/ 1:25/ 1:55/	Clerical Practice (1 hr) French 4 French 3 (1½ hrs) Secretarial Practice 1 Spanish 4 Spanish 3 (1½ hrs) Stenography 2, 1 (1 hr) Social Studies 7 (2 hrs)
IV 1:30-3:00	GENERAL CONFERENCE IN AUDITORIUM	IV 1:30-2:30/ 3:00	Clerical Practice 2 (1 hr) French 2, 1 (1 hr) Spanish 2, 1 (1 hr) Stenography 4 Stenography 3 (1 hr)	IV 1:30-3:00	MARKING OF PAPERS, ETC.

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Cornell, Brown Hold Meetings

Two important college conferences took place October 23rd, and October 24th. The first conference was for seniors interested in attending Cornell University, in Ithaca, N. Y. Mr. Granit, a graduate of Cornell, came to Midwood to discuss the course of study at Cornell. He said that students can begin to concentrate in their chosen major field by their junior year. Mr. Granit not only talked about the academic side of life at Cornell, but he also tried to give prospective candidates some idea of the social life there. When he had finished his lecture, Mr. Granit opened the floor for questions. About twelve Midwood students attended the hour long conference. Don Goldman, who attended the conference said, "It proved to be very informative and Mr. Granit told us to contact him if we have any further questions about Cornell."

Students interested in attending Brown University, in Providence, Rhode Is., went to the second conference held Tuesday, October 24, in the college office. Mr. Doebler, Director of Admissions at Brown, answered the student's questions. John Sharefkin said "Mr. Doebler, spent a great deal of time trying to answer each . . . question about Brown as fully as possible. The students asked about admission procedure, course requirements, and social life at the University. The conference gave the students a much better idea of how good their chances for admission to the University are and how well Brown is suited to their needs."

MIDKIDS ACT FOR WNYE

By BURT GOTTSCHALK

The WNYE Dramatics Workshop, in cooperation with Brooklyn Technical High School, auditioned several students from Midwood's drama class last June.

The workshop, directed by Mr. Frank Sawyer, accepted five Midwood students. They are: Rona Rrickman, Alice Mayo, Linda Rein, Judy Rosenberg, and Sharon Sobel.

Linda Rein, Sharon Sobel, Rona Brickman.

The function of the workshop is to broadcast dramatized skits, usually with a moral, to children from kindergarten through sixth grade classes throughout the city. The skits are all enacted by high school students. WNYE broadcasts over FM radio several times during the week.

Representatives from the workshop go to Brooklyn Tech each Monday for casting. There they are auditioned for prospective roles. Those who are chosen remain at the workshop for rehearsal, and later in the week the skit is taped.

"We, who have been accepted in the workshop, have gained much in the way of knowledge and pleasure. It's a wonderful feeling to know that your voice is being broadcast to thousands of school children in New York City," commented Alice Mayo.

It has been found that broadcasting to schools and homes are extremely powerful forces. As a result, the workshop can be heard every day in the public schools.

The workshop is now working on a production entitled "Tales of The Four Winds." The four winds represent the four areas of the world; North, South, East, and West, which is where the short plays are taken from. The acting ensemble is also working on a series about growing up.

The students have indicated that being a member of the Workshop can open the door to success. Recently, the director of the Broadway musical "Bye Bye Birdie" invited a member of WNYE to audition for the play's cast.

Patterns Holds Annual Contest

Patterns, Midwood's literary-arts magazine, is presently conducting its annual contest in a quest for prize worthy articles.

The competition, as decribed by editor-in-chief John Sharefkin, is open to all Midwood students who desire to write either poems, essays, or short stories. John made a point of mentioning the fact that entries need not win to appear in print. He added, too, that December 15th is the deadline.

Last year, John won the first prize medal in the poetry division with "Studies In Power" while Carol Ann Falvo's essay, "A Blank Check Is Not A Blank Conscience" led the class in its field. The short story " . . . And No Birds Sing," by Nancy van Raalte, was the best of that group and won the medal. Members of the English faculty will judge the contest again this year.

The Patterns' staff meets during the eighth period in room 484. All who wish to join the staff should see the faculty adviser, Abraham D. Singer, in that room.

KOREAN WANTS PEN-PALS

By EDNA KROLL

This fall, as occurred last spring, another letter from a foreign student reached Midwood. This letter is from a girl in Kyeongju, South Korea. Her name is Gang Ju Chai and she is in her third year of junior high school.

Quite different from the letter Midwood received from Ghana, Gang Ju Chai is merely seeking a pen-pal, not a philanthropist. She has not, as yet expressed any desire to come to America to live.

The letter reads as follows:

Sept. 24, 1961

Dear friend

Let me call you pen pal because, I don't know to whom my letter is going. Anyway I shall be very happy if you are pleased to read it. I am a third year girl of a junior high school in Kyeongju, Korea. Perhaps you do not know where Kyeongju is for you I think have never visited here. You are lucky because you are born in America. I want to be friendly with you. Do you live in a city or a small village? Do you live on a great plain or near the sea? I have learned a little a bout your country and countrymen. But I would like to hear more about your country and your school life through you. Do you have any hobbies? I like to study English best. Do you understand my English? This is the first letter that I have written in English and I am a fraid I have made some mistakes.

I look for ward your answer

Your pal truly,

Gang Ju Chai

Students interested in answering this letter may obtain the address from this reporter in the Argus office. These students are also asked to inform the staff of any significant results from the correspondence.

NBC HOST TO WRITERS

By JOE ELM

"What good is it to have a Ph.D. on a body that can't take it anywhere?", said General L. B. Hershey. General Hershey, who is sixty-seven and in charge of the Selective Service Board, made this statement while being interviewed on "Update".

"Update" is a news program geared for the American teenager. It is televised on Saturday mornings at twelve noon on channel four.

On Saturday, October 14, this reporter and three other members of the Argus staff had the pleasure of attending the N. B. C. Student Workshop. Sponsored by Helena Rubinstein, the workshop convened at eleven in the morning. After a welcoming address by Madame Rubinstein, a symposium on "review writing" was conducted. At noon the junior journalists viewed "Update" on special television monitors. Lunch was then served. After the collation, the entire staff of the "Update" series spoke with the audience and answered their questions.

The 'Update' series, as stated before, is directed to teenagers. The news stories are presented in an interesting and informative manner. Feature events are handled with a note of humor. As field producer, James Lebenthal said, "news is not only events but also the ideas which motivate these events".

A typical "Update" program includes one major news story (previous programs have stressed "A Common European Market" and "The Two Chinas"), a concise report of the late breaking new items, a feature item, such as the premiers of the 1962 automobiles, and the highlight of the program, a journalism student interviewing an outstanding personality.

Robert Abernethy, star of the series, holds another post besides being featured on "Update". He is one of the many N.B.C. correspondents stationed in Washington, D.C. Mr. Abernethy spends most of the week there, then flies to New York on Saturday for the "Update" show.

Soundproof Music Rooms; Remodel Practice Halls

By SETH SCHWEITZER

Because of the lack of rehearsal space for the band and orchestra, the Music Department of Midwood High School, under the direction of Mr. Chancy, has launched a plan for the construction of a "music suite." The new practice hall will be an enlargement of the present one, room B15.

The construction project required the removal of two walls, thus joining B15 and B13, a custodial supply room, and B11, a music library room. Upon completion, the practice hall will have risers for the entire band and orchestra, and cubbies and cabinets for housing their instruments. There will also be two seven by ten feet soundproof rooms for individual students to practice in, undisturbed. In fact, the entire project will be totally soundproofed.

In addition, Mr. Levine, of the Music Department, will use the new music suite to conduct classes in.

Aside from these physical alterations, the Music Department is forging ahead academically as well. Presently, they are concerned with the selection of students for application to the Julliard Program, sponsored by the Lincoln Center Project. Students are chosen for their musical ability and interest, not grades. If accepted, each member will be invited to attend fifteen concerts, on fifteen consecutive Friday evenings. Included in these musical evenings will be free dinners, followed by a briefing by the conductor of the orchestra, and an introduction to some of the musicians.

Mr. Chancy and the orchestra in new quarters.

The only fee is for transportation. The students should have an ardent desire to attend. However, the project is only available to a small selected group; space permits only one hundred and fifty students, throughout the city, to attend. At the present time, there are about ten applying from Midwood High School.

EDITORIAL

"One lesson to be drawn from visiting and contrasting a well-to-do suburb and a slum is all important for understanding American public education. The lesson is that to a considerable degree what a school should do and can do is determined by the status and ambitions of the families being served."—"Slums and Suburbs."

"Slums and Suburbs", by former Harvard president and ambassador to Germany, James B. Conant, is a comparison of the types of schools in metropolitan areas. The thought above should interest both parents and students who are thinking of the on-coming "Open School Day." This semi-annual function gives parents the opportunity to discuss with the teachers their children's problems, both scholastic and social.

"Slums and Suburbs" describes the existing conditions in slum areas. Here the buildings have deteriorated because of age and vandalism. The students sense a lack of social as well as scholastic equality with schools out of their district. In such areas where the economic status is very low, most students must leave school early to help their family's financial need. Those who do graduate have little hope for decent employment or any aspirations to attend a college or university. Here, most parents are more interested in financial necessity than in their children's education.

At Midwood, where such extreme poverty seldom exists, parents can take a deeper interest in their children's progress. "Open School Day" gives them the chance to see the school, its faculty, and its activities.

The attendance of parents of the weaker students cannot be overstressed. The brief time alloted for these conferences should be spent in discussing the poorer students' problems in an attempt to arrive at helpful solutions. We think time is wasted complimenting students whose parents already know that their children are doing very well.

If you think your parents should come to Open School Week, do urge them to do so. The dates are Monday, November 13th at 7:00 P.M. and Monday, November 20th from 12:00 noon until 2:00.

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MAYOR'S DESK

The big dance of this term, "THE TURKEY TROT" is scheduled for November 17th. As usual, the dance will take place in our school gym. Two dance bands will furnish continuous music for your dancing pleasure. The best of the cha cha cha, and many other dances will reverberate throughout the halls of Midwood on that evening. Buy your tickets early and help make this a gala event.

The opening film of the "FILM FESTIVAL" will take place on December 8th, with the showing of the "SOLID GOLD CADILLAC,,. This hit movie will be presented in the auditorium at a very nominal price. Owing to the limited capacity of the auditorium, only a limited number of tickets will be on sale.

A language jamboree will be sponsored by the Honor French and Honor Spanish societies on Wednesday afternoon, December 20th. A small charge of 15 cents is being made. I understand that a piñata, a café dansant and a speaker well versed in French, Hebrew and Spanish.

A full study of the proposed student court in other schools has been under way for the past month. The ways and means of creating a court in this school subject to student and faculty approval will be presented shortly.

With the first group of Peace Corps members starting their overseas assignments, new interest and controversy has been developed by those who oppose American efforts to show the underdeveloped nations how to help themselves. I have been in communication with the Peace Corps officers in Washington to ascertain in what manner we high school students can contribute to the international program of "winning the peace." I hope to be able in the very near future to recommend a program to help make our contribution.

While B-71 is the headquarters of your school government, I and other elected officers and commissioners are always available for any suggestions or constructive criticism that you may have with respect to your student government. A suggestion box will be established. Do not hesitate to drop your suggestion in the box when it is installed or if you wish, speak to me or the other officers. This is **your** government-make use of it.

PETER ALBERT

Principal's Message

Dear Boys and Girls:

Why are we making a drive this term for better appearance and manners? It is not because we are any worse than other schools; we are probably a bit better.

I have called your attention to consideration of self-interest, pointing out that visitors to the school, representing both employment and college opportunities, are undoubtedly influenced by the general impression made upon them by the student body. I have emphasized that you can help yourselves individually and show consideration for the welfare of fellow students by personally looking and acting as if the reputation of the school depended upon you.

But the more important objective in this drive is to build in each of you a better image of yourself, as well as self-respect and respect for your school and what it stands for. We are convinced that the student who dresses appropriately, for example, tends to build up concomitantly better posture, better speech, and better manners. In brief, such a student becomes the kind of lady or gentleman whom we want not only at Midwood but who should also be a source of strength and pride for society in later life.

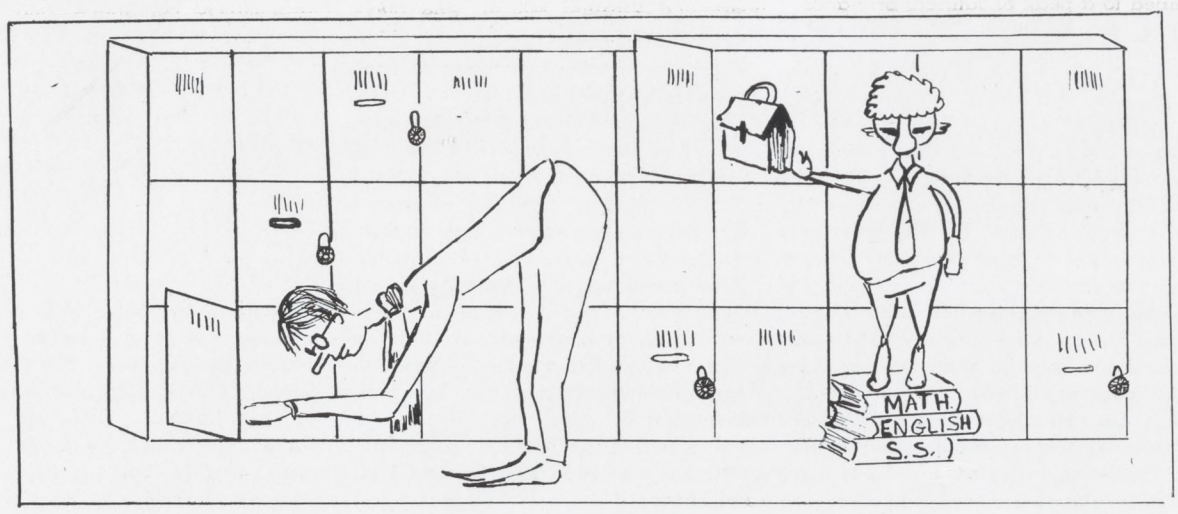
Many of you have cooperated with respect to the first phase of this drive—the effort to get you to wear ties on Wednesday. I congratulate and thank you for this fine beginning. I trust that our progress will continue; that it will spread to every school day; and that the few who have not as yet shown an understanding of our purpose, will work with us and each other for our mutual benefit.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Bernstein,
Principal

Middie and Woodie

BARBARA WEERTH



Spotlight

Did you ever wonder who maintains the orderly chaos in B-71, and at Board of Estimate meetings? It's Ann Urso, executive secretary of the City of Midwood, this term's general handy woman of our student government.

Ann Urso

Ann, an attractive, dark-haired miss who stands up to every bit of her 5' 5", takes an active part in Board of Estimate meetings, records its minutes, and sends out important notices concerning vital school functions. Though she finds herself, as she has said, "running around like a chicken without a head", Ann is always available "to trace the tossed-aways and calm the confused."

Next question: How does Ann Urso manage it all? Ann has a background of experience in school activities. To her credit is the presidency of the junior class, Ambassadorial commissioner, membership in Archon, Boosters, Orientation commission, "Kenwood," Kensington Council and parts in her sophomore and junior sings. Ann's "Rules of Order" help promote efficiency in busy B-71. She prohibits eating, use of the typewriter without permission, and stray books scattered on desktops. "If someone says that this office (B-71) is miserable and no work will be accomplished, it makes me work even harder," says the senior miss.

Ann, who evaluates herself as being "sensitive and emotional," manages to squeeze in courses in college biology and advanced algebra, in between her secretarial duties. She has earned an overall 90% average and expects to join Arista next term. Her future plans include attending Brooklyn College, where she will major in American history. Ann may then continue to teach it on a high school level. She is interested in law and politics, which helps to explain her excellent work in B-71. In her free time, she enjoys knitting sweaters, playing the piano, and, in season, following the slugging of the New York Yankees, especially Roger Maris.

In conclusion, this reporter feels that the secretarial duties of our student government will be well taken care of, with the intelligence and personality of Ann Urso behind the job.

CLARE HOLLANDER

Our Town: United Nations; Impressions of a Tourist

Walking eastbound on Manhattan's busy 42nd Street, a wandering New Yorker can eventually find himself out of American territory and in the domain of the United Nations. A visit to the imposing building, which serves as the major battleground in the cold war, is especially worthwhile during the current debate on prominent world issues taking place both in the General Assembly and Security Council.

Because of the great demand for tickets to the history-making meetings of the world body, visitors must arrive at the United Nations approximately one hour before the specific meeting is supposed to begin. If you are lucky enough to obtain a ticket, distributed on a first come-first served basis, you will be led into either the beautiful General Assembly or Security Council meeting hall.

There is only one qualification needed to attend these meetings—you must have patience. Delegates have been known to hold the rostrum for well over an hour at a time. Incidentally, with the aid of a brilliant staff of United Nations translators, language barriers are no problem. Simultaneous translations in five languages—English, French, Spanish, Russian and Chinese can be heard through earphones found on each seat.

While these meetings occur on almost every weekday except during the summer, visiting the United Nations at other times is still rewarding. The U.N.'s book shop, post office, film showings and miscellaneous exhibits, as well as the magnificent building itself, all lend themselves to good sightseeing. For a small fee, a visitor can go on a fascinating guided tour of the entire United Nations headquarters.

Perhaps above all, however, it is heartening to see representatives from all nations, of all races and religions, work harmoniously together to try to solve man's ancient, most pressing problems—ignorance, disease, and war.

Dan Feld, Journalism Class.

Midmoods . . .

RICHARD BLOOM

In these modern times of Sputniks, Astronauts and accelerated math courses, life seems to be getting increasingly difficult. The student, in addition to having the problem of being bored with his subjects now has the extra worry of just understanding them. This article is an attempt to alleviate the woes of most students by offering a few suggestions that should immediately be put into action.

A great step forward would be the elimination of testing. The "reign of terror" methods now used to force unwanted knowledge down students' throats would prove largely ineffective, if testing could be abolished. To be specific, it is impossible to be able to compute numerical averages without the use of tests. Without tests therefore, heartless colleges will no longer be able to reject a student simply because he has a 55 average. If the burden of testing could be lifted from the life of a student, no longer would he be oppressed by the desire to beat out his neighbor with a higher average. No longer will a student be deprived of the better things in life simply because he has to study for a barrage of tests that lurk in the black future. In short, if testing could be banished from the face of the earth, 99.99% of the student's problems would become nonexistent.

Somehow, even with the great wisdom that characterizes the Board of Education, I don't think it is going to adopt my idea. In that case the downtrodden students have only one alternative . . . action. In New York alone, nearly one million students are enrolled. This is more than all the men in the United States Army. All we have to do is unite or form some sort of revolutionary government. In the economic depression of the thirties, F.D.R. said "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Now, in the mental depression of the sixties, I say, "We have nothing to fear, period." Now is the time to break the chains that bind us; now is the time to destroy the corrupt forces that contaminate the process of education, now is the time to . . .

Actually, after thoroughly analyzing these ideas, there is only one little flaw. For one reason or another, none of them would work. Even if these ideas could be made practical, the lack of something to do would cause a return to the old regime.

HOW TO SUCCEED A HIT; INGENUITY DISPLAYED

A new smash musical graced the "White Way" again, with the opening of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." The show's long title certainly coincides with the long list of merits that it deserves. The wonderful music, expert staging and setting, and superb showmanship climbed to a peak of satirical brilliance. Satires on American "big business", are certainly far from being new, but the fresh approach, humor, and clever lyrics make this seemingly trite subject appear alive.

This new hit was derived from the book of the same name by Shepard Mead. From it, Abe Burrows fashioned a script and directed the show in a wonderful manner.

Robert Morse plays the part of an unscrupulous young man, who sets about getting a job, and rising to the top. Morse gives us a good portrayal of the shamelessness of his type of unsavory character, but he still manages to keep this part humorous by giving it appealing charm.

Playing the part of J. B. Bigley, the corporation president, is Rudy Vallee. Mr. Valee is delightfully funny while retaining the dignity we associate with a corporation president.

Other important characters include Charles Reilly as the stupid nephew, Bonnie Scott as the neglected sweetheart, and Virginia Martin, who plays the office siren.

Because all these characters play their parts without flaw, the script loses none of its exceptional qualities.

A word too, must be said about the imaginative song and dance routines which help give the show polish.

The anquish of workers denied their morning coffee is spoofed in the song, "Coffee Break". Bob Fosses staging of "A Secretary is Not a Toy" is as clever as Loesser's song. In addition the pirate dance which introduces the World Wide Wickets television show is a rollicking royal satire.

All these, combined in a general gaiety of spirit will help make "Succeed" succeed.

RENE ROSE

SOPH VISITS BRAZIL

Many Americans visit foreign countries with the expectation of finding them completely different in respect to customs, conditions, and products, from this country. This assumption is surprisingly untrue. Let us take for example Brazil, a leading South American nation, in which Americanism is prevalent in every city.

In addition to native beverages, which include coffee, sugarcane juice, and Guarana, a soft drink, one can easily get Pepsi Cola or 7-Up. Scattered across the countryside are Drive-In restaurants serving hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, and a variety of other American foods. The only visible difference between these drive-ins and our own, is that the menus and signs are printed in Portuguese. In the larger cities, close to the open markets, are supermarkets. These too are almost indistinguishable from ours, even to the lists of daily bargains handed to the shoppers as they enter.

The streets are filled with ancient American automobiles, most converted into taxis, and running as much as half a million miles. There are also trolleys, reminiscent of those of New York. Running between the cities, are large, modern, air-conditioned buses, many of which are made in our country.

American literary "culture" is widespread, with translations of such great works as Little Lulu, Dennis the Menace, Peanuts, Captain Marvel, and Yogi Bear comics, common sights. In addition, there are copies of Mad Magazine, which are printed in English.

Americanism is a spreading phenomenon throughout the world, bringing with it views of a prosperous country opening its arms to other nations.

Iris Jenner, Journalism Class.

MODERN LIVING IN 1961; IS IT RIGHT OR WRONG?

Meandering along Memory Lane, I thought of the differences between life now and life in the time of our mothers, grandmothers, and even great-grandmothers.

Years ago, when you had a cold, you had a cold. No fancy "flu" type malady, just a cold, simple, unpretentious, and without penicillin shots.

The good old days . . . No quick muffin mix for great-great grandma. No siree!! There she stood, mixing 'till her arms tired. And now? Make me a biscuit. Puff, you're a biscuit.

Does the modern housewife slave over a hot stove? No. Now she slaves over a stubborn electric can opener, and an "easy to open package" that isn't easy to open.

The children of today rarely play with rag dolls, tops, or hoops, as our ancestors did. The 1962 doll is life-size with growing hair and a movable face. The tops have almost disappeared, and the only hoops seen are Hula Hoops. Children do not play with ordinary toys any more; they have to build special anti-missile missiles that cost a mere $39.95. In bygone years, being sent to your room without dinner was an effective punishment. With the invention of hi-fi's and televisions, however, being sent to your room isn't a punishment; it's a pleasure! And, with all these things to do, who has time for dinner anyway?

The early colonial homes had living rooms that were the center of family activity. Modern homes have living rooms, but no one does any living in them.

Psychology is the latest craze. No family can be without it. Before my family was struck by this craze, I had slight adolescent problems. Now I have neuroses! My psychoanalyst charges twenty-five dollars an hour to solve my problems. It would be so much easier if we would be allowed to grow up normally.

In closing, I call to mind the familiar saying of our current hero, Mort Sahl. "Are there any groups that I haven't offended?"

LANI BROWN

MUSIC HAUNTS TYPE CLASS; BEGINNER IN THE GROOVE

"Put the paper in straight," said a far-off voice. "Place your hands decisively upon the keyboard. Look the paper in the eye. Breathe deeply."

I looked around. Obviously, I was dreaming. Through the swirling mists of the mysterious land to which my dream had transported me, I could make out thousands of dim, ghostly figures seated at myriads of dim, ghostly typewriters.

"You are going to type to music," said the voice. "We have found that music develops rhythm in your fingers, giving you a mental metronome by which to strike the keys. Not only that, but different types of music will inspire you, by their beat and nuances, to type different things."

The air was strange. "What is it?" I asked the nearest ghostly figure. "I must be dreaming I'm in Hades."

She gave me a blank look. "You're dreaming you're in a typing class," she said. "We're going to learn to type to music! Isn't this an exciting innovation?"

"First, we shall play a romantic waltz. This will give you practice in typing slowly."

"This is a terrible dream," I said to my neighbor. "Look at those weird, twisted trees! Smell the noxious odors in the air! Listen to that horrible voice."

"What's wrong with it?" she said, setting her margins.

"Now we shall treat you to some patriotic marches, which will stimulate a steady rhythmic pattern and help you to create slogans for enlistment posters," said our invisible instructor. "After that we shall play some jazz, and you may write beatnik poetry, and expresso shop philosophy."

"Do you often have this dream?" I asked my fellow-typist, who was typing: "The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog," forwards, backwards and in several different languages.

"No, it's a new one," she replied. "Please stop talking, and let me hear our curriculum."

"We shall now play old sound tracks from horror films, so that you can turn out even bloodier scripts of your own," announced the voice.

"Enough!" I cried. "How do I get out of here?"

"Wake up," said my neighbor, looking up from the ribbon she was untangling.

So I did.

MADELINE GABRIELSON

Meet Your Teacher

Although it is not known to this reporter whether or not Mr. Irving Alter smokes, he may definitely be referred to as a "thinking man." This fact is promptly attested to by numerous former and present students of his social studies classes.

After five years of commuting to Midwood from Queens, Mr. Alter is still able to say, "it's worth it," because, "I enjoy teaching at Midwood tremendously." In spite of his daily excursions to Brooklyn, which have been as long as two hours during inclement weather, this obviously dedicated teacher has always managed to be in school a half-hour before the required time.

In his freshman year at the College of the City of New York, Mr. Alter was studying physics, with the intention of becoming an engineer. However, at the end of that year, he realized that his greatest interest and enjoyment was history. At present, Mr. Alter is concentrating a good deal of his time on his doctoral thesis, which deals with the position of administrative assistants.

Mr. Alter enjoys watching all sports (He is a Yankee fan), and takes an active interest in swimming during the summer. In addition, he is an enthusiast of popular music. Despite these diversified interests, Mr. Alter always finds time for play with his two-and-a half year old daughter. On Saturday or Sundays, he frequently takes his wife and daughter to visit various places in and around New York, such as the Long Island Fair and the airport, two of their more recent jaunts.

Mr. Alter's curiosity about the world does not end in the classroom. He enjoys reading non-fiction books, particularly those dealing with the period between 1930 and 1945. He has done extensive reading of books on the Nazi regime. The fact that biographies of current personalities are also of great interest to him, is evidence that Mr. Alter believes social studies is a living subject. He stated, "It is essential to know what modern issues are about."

Working in the boys' dean's office, Mr. Alter has had many opportunities to advise students, as well as to discipline them. He has found the majority of Midkids to be well-behaved, and often very sincere about learning. He strongly urges all students to seize any available opportunities to further their educations. In his classes, he loves to teach students who have a desire to learn. "A good question gives me a big kick," he said.

Mr. Alter

This reporter must add that it was very pleasing to interview Mr. Alter, because of his most understanding, and cooperative personality.

FELICIA SOBEL

Disorder Victimizes Weak-Willed Student

I'm now in the throes of writing a very difficult and extensive social studies report, for which I need about three months time. It is due in two days. If you remember the last time you really worked for midterms or regents, you will recall that in such matters, technique and efficiency are of the utmost importance. After much painful experience and no small amount of advice from my parents, I have compiled a list of rules which I like to think I observe when preparing reports, studying for tests, or doing homework. Reasonable as they are, I haven't succeeded in coaxing myself into following them, no matter how many ironclad resolutions I make at the beginning of the term. Perhaps, this is due to my innate tendency to do things wrong. Judge for yourselves. . . .

Common sense tells us to do homework in a fixed place, free of distractions. One should arrange study materials (One dilapidated looseleaf, a broken ruler, etc.) so they can be found quickly and easily. I, for example, always do my homework at home. My house is stationary, my place of study, unfortunately, isn't. Not one to follow routine, I alternate between the kitchen, my bedroom, and the dining room, dragging sundry debris in my wake, and leaving things in every room of the house. For my entertainment, I provide myself with a television, radio, or year-old magazine. From personal experience (the last time I tried copying from the encyclopedia), I remember that when preparing a report, it is a good idea to use several books. I have tons of books. Books about radio, photography, and automobiles, last year's French book, my brother's old physics manual, and (!) "The New York State Illustrated Plumbing Code 1959". . . . So many books I can't seen three feet in front of me, let alone name them.

Sure it's familiar. Disorganization has plagued humanity from time immemorial. Only strong-willed resolution, a quality which I obviously lack, can resist it. Were it not for my parents, I would have long since resigned myself to becoming a beach comber. You see, my father contends that I would keep mislaying my sieve!

AMI ISSEROFF

Alumnews

Barbara Slavin, January class of '59, is now a nurse at Maimonides Hospital.

Shelly Goldin, class of '59, is engaged to David Umanoff. Shelly went to Boston University, and is now at Brooklyn College. David is a graduate of Babson Business College.

Janet Rosenfeld, class of '54, is engaged to Earl Kramer. Janet is a graduate of Wellesley College, while Earl is a graduate of Williston Academy, Harvard College, and the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University.

Laurie J. Medine, class of '58, is engaged to Stephan Saperstone. Laurie is a senior at Cornell University, while her fiance is a graduate of the same school. Plans have been made for a February wedding.

Elihu Inselbuch, class of '55, is engaged to Harriet J. Kaye. Elihu was graduated from Princeton in 1959, and is presently attending Columbia University.

Judy Husick, class of '58, is engaged to Jacob Kaiser, a graduate of Columbia College and a present student at Columbia Law School.

Mrs. Gladys Bernstein announces that Morty Gunty and Betty Conn are busy in the preparation of the new Midwood Hall of Fame, which will appear on the main floor. The idea centers around having pictures of famous Midwood celebrities of past and present on display for all to see. We think it is an excellent idea Mrs. Bernstein.

SPORTLIGHT SPOTS NEAL WEINSTOCK

By BOB EPSTEIN

The accomplishments of Neal Weinstock on the gridiron this season have been a pleasant surprise for the Middie Eleven. In what must be considered the highlight of the campaign thus far, the junior halfback gained 250 yards and scored five touchdowns against Madison. He thus broke several Midwood records and became prominent in the city scoring race.

Despite all the publicity he has received, because of his exploits, Neal has retained his modesty. He asserts that his greatest thrill was not the many touchdowns he tallied, but the fact that this was the first varsity victory in which he had participated. He gives great credit to the linemen who, he claims, were mainly responsible for his success. Nevertheless he is extremely happy about his feat and considers it "an honor to break the scoring record for a single game."

Neal enjoys football because it is a team effort. He finds his defensive work at the safety position especially challenging, because he must deduce what play the opposition will use. On offense, however, he knows exactly what he must do and it is simply a matter of execution. His defensive abiltiy rivals his great offensive prowess.

When Neal is not playing football he can usually be found polishing his skills in other sports or working with his stamp collection. Neal's sports versatility stems from his family background, his brother having played soccer for Midwood, and his father having always encouraged athletic participation.

Neal hopes to help his team gain a .500 season and overcome the inexperience which has been bothersome. Next year, the halfback looks forward to a fine campaign with this season's seven junior starters becoming competent veterans. He eagerly awaits the challenge of playing some of the top outfits in the city, including Jefferson and Brooklyn Tech.

Neal Weinstock.

After his senior year, Neal plans to attend Brooklyn College, although he would like to matriculate at a school which offers varsity football. With his fine scholastic ability, and an 86 average, he may be eligible for a football scholarship, but this will be indefinite until next year.

At present, Neal seems capable of leading the Middies with a performance which might merit all-city honors. His 5'9" and 175 pounds give him the necessary power and speed for such an achievement. By next year, he will be an even more accomplished runner and a greater offensive and defensive threat. Neal should help supply many exciting and successful Saturday afternoons for the Middies in the games to come.

CROSS COUNTRY IMPROVES RAPIDLY IN COMPETITION

JOEL SAVITZ

As the cross-country track season nears its end, the Middies find themselves confronted with one of their most successful campaigns in many years. To date, the Trackmen have competed in five meets, doing well in each one.

The Blue and White finished tenth out of the forty-five schools entered in the New York University cross-country meet, with only three P.S.A.L. schools defeating the Trackmen. Jay Weiner, star sprinter, and captain of the team, broke 14:56 for 2.5 miles at this meet.

The Middies next went on to the St. John's University meet, finishing nineteenth out of fifty-four schools. They then competed at Fordham University with the top teams in the East.

The Trackmen continued their high scoring at the dual meet against Erasmus, at which the Varsity and the Junior Varsity won 18-37 and 27-28 respectively. At this meet, Jay Weiner broke 11:30 and Frank Braccia 11:45 for running the two and a quarter mile.

Midwood then went on to sweep the five first places at the John Jay meet. Jay Weiner broke 11:47 for the two and a quarter mile. As of now, Midwood has a 5-0 record, making this the best cross-country team we have ever had.

Questioned about the remainder of the events, which end November 7, Coach Herb Solomon said, "I am happy with the way the team has been performing and hope to end this season very successfully."

Following the John Jay meet, which took place October 20th, comes the Brooklyn Championships. The final meet will be the P.S.A.L. Championships where the team's outlook appears hopeful.

The members of the varsity include Captain Jay Weiner, Frank Braccia, Gil Berzon, Bill Goodhardt, a sophomore who has a promising track future, Pete Avedon, Howie Erlich, Lew Augusta, and Joe Spilberg.

Among the members of the Junior Varsity are Joel Cohen, Steve Paige, Howie Strauss, and Sal Lizzio. The reserves have won two meets in competition with other schools during the present season.

Knotty Problem

Is it possible for a baseball team to get 54 hits in a nine inning game without scoring a single run?

Yes, it is conceivable. In the first inning the initial three batters all hit singles to load the bases. The pitcher proceeds to pick off the runners on second and third. The next two hitters also single. Thus, the bases are loaded for the second time in the inning. The sixth and final hitter belts a hard line drive which hits one of the base runners. This action continues in the remaining eight innings.

Thus, Confucius say: Many hits, no runs — worthless.

Bayside Beats Netmen in Final; Mogulescu Cops City Net Title

GUS REICHBACH

With deadly ground strokes Johnny Mogulescu of 455M won the 3rd Annual All-City Novice Tennis Tournament championship. The tournament was sponsored by the P.S.A.L. in conjunction with the Eastern Tennis Patrons. It brought together the top tennis players of the city matched in thrilling competition. The tennis team's chance for success will be appreciably enhanced by the addition of this fine young player.

The team has already participated in the St. John's University Tournament, showing its potential by defeating both Bishop Loughlin and Forest Hills. The courtmen were then defeated in the finals by a powerful Bayside team by score of 2 to 1. The experts have picked the Baysiders to cop the city championship. Dave Laitin won his singles match in three sets. However, Bayside's top racketman, ranked high among the junior players in the east, easily defeated John Mogulescu 6-1, 6-0. The doubles match was also won by Bayside without any trouble.

The netmen are now practicing for the Poly Prep tournament which is their last major match before the spring. Midwood will be represented by Johnny Mogulescu, Dave Laitin, and Peter Albert. These three will spark the team's success. They will get assistance from netmen Howie Shapiro, Peter Lederman, Marty Liebowitz, Randy Rose, Paul Spieler, Robert Starr, Louie Freedlander, David Eisenstein, Robert Schulaper, and David Fleiss.

This year when the tennis season opens the Midwood netmen will have one of its strongest teams. Through constant practice the netmen should be in contention for the city crown, and should be considered a strong opponent for all opposing schools.

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"The tennis situation in the United States is deteriorating. We used to lose to the Australians and we are now taking defeats from the Italians." These are the words of Coach Murray Eisenstadt when asked about the place of tennis in the United States. "I think every student in Midwood should play tennis. By doing so you aid both yourself and President Kennedy in his physical fitness program." Coach Eisenstadt constantly referred to tennis as an excellent "carryover sport." By this he meant that once learned, tennis is never forgotten. He feels that facilities are adequate but more clubs, tournaments, and clinics should be started. Mr. Eisenstadt plans to start such a clinic sometime in the spring term.

SPORTQUIZ

1. Which two pitchers won the most games in the National League during the 1961 season?
2. Name the football team that Y.A. Tittle played for before joining the New York Giants.
3. Who is the new basketball coach of the New York Knickerbockers?
4. Who holds the National League record for pitching the most consecutive scoreless innings in the World Series?
5. Where did Bob Pettit play his college basketball?
6. Who was the home run leader in the National League this past season?
7. Which former Dodger pitcher threw a no-hitter against the Giants in 1956?
8. Who presently holds the welterweight boxing title?
9. With what sport is the Stanley Cup connected?
10. Johnny Lujack used to play quarterback for a top college gridiron team. Which school did he perform for?
11. In the past World Series between the New York Yankees and the Cincinnati Reds, which player was the only one to hit two home runs?

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Midwood Booters Trounce Highwaymen; Defeated by Tech, Erasmus, John Jay

By MARK COHEN

The Midwood Soccer Team's season commenced with a hard fought victory over Madison by the score of 1-0.

In the opening game with Madison, the nifty Middie Booters baffled the Highwaymen with an exceptional exhibition of defensive playing. However, the Kickers could not sustain a sufficient offensive drive until the fourth quarter. In the last minutes of this period, Jeff Kolender, assisted by Mike Hogan, booted the lone goal that won the game for Midwood.

In the subsequent encounter with Erasmus, the Midmen were defeated by an unexpected score of 5-0. Erasmus, a traditional rival of Midwood, kept the booters on the defensive for most of the match. The Middies, unable to formulate an offensive drive, fell to Erasmus after a hard fought battle.

The deft Kickers then went on to battle one of the strongest teams listed in P.S.A.L. competition, Brooklyn Tech. In this game the Middie defense, led by Captain Joel Moskowitz, Jack Nacson, and Jeff Jacques, contained the Tech team to only three goals. However, the Midmen were not able to set up a scoring drive, thus falling to Tech 3-0.

In the next encounter, the Middies easily defeated Madison by the lopsided score of 4-1. In this game, Herman Kolender booted two goals, Bob Molko one, and Josh Halpern one, to lead the Middies to victory. The team's exceptional defensive playing allowed the Highwaymen to score only one goal.

The booters then met John Jay in a fast moving unusually competitive game. The Midmen's strong defense, led by Captain Joel Moskowitz, Jeff Jacques, Jack Nacson, Al Meller, Myron Bloom, and Kenny Pollack, permitted John Jay to score only two goals. However, the Midmen, plagued by offensive troubles, remained scoreless for the entire game.

The remaining portion of this soccer season should prove to be interesting as well as decisive, because the Midmen will have the opportunity to avenge those defeats inflicted upon them by first round opponents.

BULLETIN

Midwood's Eleven continued on its downslide as it lost its fourth game of the season to Tilden 27-6. Once again the Middies' defensive unit proved inadequate. Tilden's backfield ground out valuable yardage, while using up precious amounts of time. The Middies had only three plays from scrimmage in the first quarter.

Neal Weinstock, Midwood's high scoring halfback, electrified the crowd with a 53 yard gallop through the Tilden line for the score. This run plus a 50 yard jaunt up the middle by Jerry Frizzel were the only substantial gains Midwood could attain against a stubborn Tilden defense.

CAGERS AIM FOR GARDEN

Gus Reichbach

The Midwood Basketball Team seeks to improve last year's fine 14-3 record, and gain a playoff berth in Madison Square Garden. This task will be harder than in the past because of the new league setup in the P.S.A.L. The Glenroaders will now have to play such outstanding teams as Jefferson and Boys High. However, with the return of four of last year's stars, the team should be up to the task.

The four returning players are Captain Ken Spalter, Ronnie Salmonson, Tom Markey, and Mark Mirken. The fifth position will be filled by Gene Dressler. Jimmy Elkins who was scheduled to start at guard might miss the first few non-league games of the season because of illness, but he will probably return for most of the division contests.

Captain Spalter, playing backcourt, is a deft ballhandler, and the possessor of a fine outside jump shot. He sparkles on defense as well as on offense. Dressler, a junior will fill the other backcourt position. He is an aggressive ballhawk and is a standout defensive player.

Salmonson, a 6'1" forward, has a fine driving lay-up. He excelled from the free throw line last year hitting about 78 per cent of his foul shots. Tom Markey, 6'5", who is at the other forward position, is a fine rebounder and has a deadly short jump shot.

Mark Mirken, 6'6" center, adds the height and power needed so badly. Picking up needed experience, he should be a key factor in the team's success.

All in all this year's team should prove the most successful in the school's history.

LINCOLN TOPS MIDDIES; DEFENSIVE UNIT FAILS

By KEN SPALTER

The Midwood Football Team received solid beatings from Poly Prep and Lincoln within two successive weeks, by respective scores of 34-20 and 40-7. In the former game, the solid running attack of the opposition caused Midwood's defensive line to yield valuable yardage. In the latter encounter, the defensive secondary could not handle Lincoln's expert passing attack.

The gridders underestimated Poly Prep, a private school in Brooklyn. The first two times Prep got its hands on the pigskin, it went for five first downs, two touchdowns, and an extra point.

The Middie Eleven finally got untracked toward the end of the first quarter. They moved 59 yards on the ground for the score. On this sustained drive, Neal Weinstock gained fifty yards and culminated the attack by smashing over from the one.

However, the home team's joy was short-lived. Poly proceeded to get its third touchdown after the ensuing kickoff. The half ended with Midwood trailing 21-6.

The second half was played on a rain-soaked field, caused by a heavy downpour. This outside interference also handicapped Midwood's chances of winning. The Blue and White did manage to secure two more tallies, but its defense also allowed the private school to score twice more. Jerry Frizzel, a stocky fullback, scored both of Midwood's six pointers in this half. Frizzel set up his first score when he romped around left end for an excellent run of 65 yards. After Weinstock moved the ball to the 7, Frizzel smashed his way up the middle into paydirt.

On his scond score, Frizzel just carried the ball twice. One was a 35 yard gallop up the middle, and the other was a smashing 49 yard run off tackle into the end zone.

The Lincoln squad also proved too powerful for the inexperienced Midmen. Instead of grinding out the yardage on the ground, the Abes took to the air, and with extreme success. They scored most of their points via passing.

Weinstock (34) going out for a pass.

Midwood's secondary was not able to contain the elusive ends and tricky halfbacks. Consequently Lincoln led at the half 20-0.

Eisenberg's men did manage to cross the opponent's goal line in the second half, a feat which had not been accomplished in Lincoln's two previous outings. Larry Entel tossed a 20 yard touchdown pass to Lenny DeModna. Konefsky then kicked the extra point. Weinstock did most of the ball carrying for Midwood. He ran with the ball 17 times for a total of 62 yards.

Midwood is one of the few high school teams to attempt extra points by kicking. Fred Konefsky has been successful in seven out of nine times.

Kickoff

Don Goldman

At the beginning of the P.S.A.L. football campaign, my attitude was very pessimistic about the Middies' chances for a successful record. Now with only two games remaining to play on the schedule I see no reason to alter my opinion. Midwood's prevailing lack of experience and depth have, thus far, been two negative factors with which Coach William Eisenberg has had to cope. Adding to these problems is the inability of the defensive unit to halt the rushing tactics of the opposition. The most glaring errors have occurred at the defensive end positions. This weakness on the flanks was exploited by John Jay in the second half of the opening game. Entering the latter half, the Midmen trailed by the slim margin of a single point. Continual end sweeps, however, signified an explosive offensive attack, and John Jay went on to rack up 24 points in the final two quarters to put the game on ice. Defensive lapses were also prevalent in the Poly Prep contest. This time it was the failure of the interior of the Middie line, rather than our vulnerability to the outside, which proved harmful. From a standard T-formation the private school frequently rammed through the center of the line for long gains. The strong Midwood offense, even with a total of three touchdowns, was not able to offset the 34 points relinquished by the porous defense. Neal Weinstock, however, has been the big surprise, and an extremely favorable one for the Middie fans. Neal has accounted for most of the rushing yardage racked up by the team. Moreover, he has caught several short passes which he turned into long gains by his broken field running. This dazzling junior halfback will lead a much improved outfit next year. This will include a veteran array of seniors who, by then, will have gained a year's experience under game conditions.

EXTRA POINTS: Watch for the duo of sophomore John Mogulescu and junior David Laitin to lead the Midwood tennis squad to a Brooklyn championship . . . The cagers will meet Boys High in its initial division game at home on December 5 .. . Gene Dressler has improved greatly and will be starting in the Glenroaders' backcourt along side of Captain Ken Spalter . . . Where would the Middie Booters be if they didn't play two games every season against Madison . . . Captain Dave Schwartz is one of the friendliest guys when he is not on a football field . . . In the last four games the Highwaymen haven't beaten the Middies on the gridiron. The final scores were 14-8, 24-20, 8-0, 41-14.

Mermen Victorious Over Utrecht 60-26 In Opening Contest

DEMETRIOS THEODOSIS

Midwood's Swimming Team began its 1961-62 season with a resounding victory in the meet of Friday, October 21. New Utrecht was left in Midwood's wake as the Midmen dealt them a crushing defeat by the score of 60-26.

Midwood's best all-around swimmer, Jim Rickard, excelled in the 200 yard individual medley, the 200 yard free style, and the 200 yard medley relay. The other men who achieved first places were Jim McNally, Jim Glass, Alan Glassman, Bernie Kenner, and Don Davis.

The Swimmers followed up Friday's success by defeating Curtis 55-31 in their Wednesday meet. This arch rival has never before been defeated by Midwood. The time of 1:50:1 in the free style relay by Jim Glass, Joe Abel, Harry Vellia, and Mike Dreshler established a new record for our school.

The Midmen's unfailing drive has thus honored Midwood with a spectacular 2-0 record while placing the team in a solid position for the division championship.